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For: THE METHOD FOR PREPARATION OF POLYMER EMULSION
AND INK COMPOSITION COMPRISING THE POLYMER EMULSION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

7. (Amended) The polymer emulsion produced by the process according to
claim 1.

26. (Amended) A recording method comprising the step of: depositing an ink

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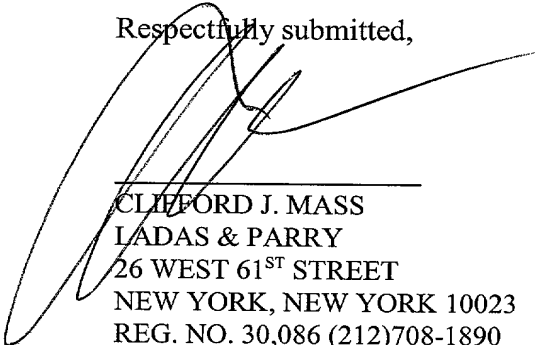
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composition onto a recording medium to perform printing, said ink composition being one according to claim 8.

REMARKS

The above amendatory action is taken solely for the purpose of avoiding claim fees that would otherwise accrue due to the presence of multiple dependent claims.

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7. (Amended) The polymer emulsion produced by the process according to [any one of] claim[s] 1 [to 6].

26. (Amended) A recording method comprising the step of: depositing an ink composition onto a recording medium to perform printing, said ink composition being one according to [any one of] claim[s] 8 [to 25].